

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 711

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A RESOLUTION to honor Lance Corporal Christian Brown for his distinguished military service as a member of the United States Marine Corps.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee have, throughout the years, been called upon to take up arms against the enemies of this great nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, Christian Brown is one such individual who answered duty's call and valiantly served his country and the United States Marine Corps as a member of the 1st Battalion, 6th Marines; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "C.B.", Lance Corporal Brown is a native of Munford and a 2002 graduate of Munford High School; and

WHEREAS, the twenty-eight-year-old was conducting combat operations in Afghanistan in December of 2011 when he was hit by an improvised explosive device. Critically wounded, the young, charismatic Marine suffered severe injuries, including the loss of both of his legs; and

WHEREAS, after enduring multiple surgeries, he is now undergoing treatment for his wounds at the Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, deeply religious, Christian Brown is a devout member of the River of Life Church in Munford and has relied on his faith in the Almighty and the prayers of his fellow believers to carry him through this difficult time; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his bravery and service to his country, Lance Corporal Brown was awarded a Purple Heart in January of 2012; and

WHEREAS, those who are fortunate enough to know Christian Brown respect his unwavering dedication and indomitable spirit, and the entire Munford community has rallied to support this young Marine and his family; and

WHEREAS, Military Missions in Action hosted a barbecue plate fund raising event on March 2, 2012, to assist his mother, Lyn Braden-Reed, with the many expenses she has incurred while remaining at her son's side during his arduous recovery process, and Dixie Thunder Run, the Recycle Biker Shop, Patriot Guard Riders, the Wounded Warrior Project, and the City of Munford are sponsoring a benefit ride on March 24, 2012, in his honor; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude for his bravery in the line of fire and his dedication to preserving the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor Christian Brown to the full extent of our ability, as he has made untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Christian Brown for his military service, applaud his dedication and bravery in the face of grave danger, and extend to him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.